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For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD  
OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT CONTROL

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004 (Paper No. 4) (hereinafter "Current Action"), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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